



"1939 - WHAT A YEAR!"

Hollywood was never so Golden, and now its two most glittering prizes shine brighter than ever on Blu-ray

A MOVIE DIRECTOR IS LUCKY IF CINEMATIC GENIUS STRIKES ONCE IN A CAREER, LET ALONETWICE

in a single year. But that's what happened in the case of Victor Fleming, Hollywood master craftsman, who, in 1939, delivered two of the most beloved and enduring movie classics in history.

Fleming's *The Wizard Of Oz*, which he rescued after earlier directors were unable to get it right, has no equal in terms of beloved musical fantasy. While it wasn't considered a huge financial success upon initial release in February 1939, subsequent re-issues over the years made it a blockbuster and cemented its place in the hearts and minds of successive generations.

Astoundingly, Fleming went straight from the wonderful world of Oz to the massive locations

and sets of Civil War America to film *Gone With The Wind*, a melodrama, war epic and historical romance with no peer. And while Oz took a while to catch on, *Gone With The Wind* was a hit from the moment it was released in September 1939. When inflation is taken into account, it's the biggest box-office blockbuster of all time.

But it was for *The Wizard Of Oz* and *Gone With The Wind* that Fleming will always be remembered, and which proved he could deliver great female performances, making icons of Judy Garland and Vivien Leigh.

Of course, these classics are remembered as much for their sights and sounds as for their stories. This 70th anniversary year sees both films restored to their Technicolor glory for a fully immersive Blu-ray experience. It's the first time ever these

masterpieces can be viewed in 1080p clarity, with picture quality up to five times sharper than the DVD versions. The luscious colors – Oz sparkles magically, while Atlanta burns more ferociously than ever – are accompanied with sensitive and respectful Dolby True HD Audio. In addition to new extras and special treats for collectors, these Blu-ray releases also include insightful documentaries on Fleming and the year that changed Hollywood.

Learn more about 1939, *Hollywood's Greatest Year* in the three hours of new bonus features on *Gone with the Wind Ultimate Collector's Edition*. There's also an Emmy-Award winning telefilm *Moviola: Scarlett O'Hara War* and *The Legend Lives On* Featurette.

The Documentary Profile of Victor Fleming is all new and can only be found on *Wizard of Oz Ultimate Collector's Edition*, along with nearly four hours of new and amazing special features, such as the 2007 Hollywood Walk of Fame Salute to the Munchkins and much more!



■ *Gone With The Wind* and *The Wizard Of Oz* are out now on Blu-ray and DVD.

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